a year and are renewed at the time of expiry of contract period.

Bids for Oil and Gas Exploration

2163. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI .BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil firms that have responded to the notice for fourth round of bidding for oil and gas exploration in the country: ;and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) One bid has been received to-date. The last date for receipt of bids is 15th April, 1992.

(b) Does not arise.

Complaints against M/s. Mangalant Flames

2164. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum limit of consumers has not been prescribed for an LPG distributor;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of complaints received against M/s. Mangalam Flames. Amroha (U.P.) during the last two years along with the nature of complaints;

(d) what action Government have taken on each of the complaints so far

(e) whether it is also a fact that officials of oil companies are not taking strict action against the erring distributors; and

(f) if so, what action Government puopose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Ceilings have been prescribed on the number of refills in a month.

(c) and (d) Four complaints regarding delay in release of connection/DBC, underweight cylinders and delay in supply of refills were received. After investigation by the IOC it was found that no action was necessary against the distributor.

(e) and (f) Appropriate action is taken against erring distributor under Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Payment of Royalty by ONGC to State Governments

2165. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Business and Political Observer dated 18th February 1992 under the caption "ONGC may be forced to default on royalty payments"; and

(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Cpmmission has informed that it has not defaulted in payment of any statutory charges due to the State Governments or Central Government.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

दिल्ली में रसोई गैस के वितरक

2166. **श्री अनन्तराय देव शंकर दवेः** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) दिल्ली में जन संख्या की वृद्धि को देखते हुए सरकार ने पिछली जून से दिल्ली में रसोई गैस के कितने वितरक नियुक्त किये हैं;

(ख) उनके चयन के लिये क्या कसौटी अपनायी गयी थी;

(ग) क्या विकलांग व्यक्तियों को रसोई-गैस की वितरण एजेंसी के आवंटन के लिये कोई विशेष कोटा निर्धारित है;

(घ) पिछले छः माह के दौरान प्राथमिकता के आधार पर रसोई गैस की वितरण एजेंसी के आवंटन के लिये कितने विकलांग व्यक्तियों से आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ङ) सरकार इन आवेदनों पर कब तक निर्णय ले लेने का विचार रखती है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) तेल चयन बोर्डों के माध्यम से की जाने वाली सभी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों का 7.5 प्रतिशत शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए आरक्षित होता है।

(घ) और (ङ) सरकार ऐसा कोई रिकार्ड नहीं रखती है।

Import of Oil

2167. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the, year-wise import of oil by Government together with the amount of foreign exchange spent during the last plan period and what was the indigenous production during the same period;

(b) what was the annual consumption of oil during each of the above years;

(c) what is the estimated import of oil and its consumption during the current financial year; and

(d) what is the estimated indigenous production of oil during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Year wise indigenous production, consumption and imports during VII five year plans are indicated below:

	1985-86	VII Plan Period 1986-87	1987-88	Quantity Value 1988-89	: MMT Rs ./Crores 1989-90
Indigenous production of crude oil	30.2	30.5	30.4	32.0	34.1
Consumption of petroleum products	40.9	43.7 *	46.4	50.1	54.1
Import of crude oil and products	19.0	18.5	21.9	24.3	26.1
Value	4960	2773	4011	4421	6344

(c) During 1991-92, the estimated consumption of petroleum products would be 57.2 million tonnes. Esti mated import of crude oil and petroleum products would be 32.9 million tonnes,

(d) During 1991-92, the revised target of indigenous, cruds production including NGL is 31.8 million tonnes.

पेट्रोलियम के उत्पादन में कटौती

2168. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि फरवरी, 1992 के मध्य में तेल-उत्पादक देशों ने तेल के दाम ऊंचे रखने के उद्देश्य से तेल के उत्पादन में 10 प्रतिशत की कटौती करने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने तेल के आयात पर व्यय होने वाली विदेशी मुद्रा की बचत करने के लिए कोई तेल संरक्षण योजना बनायी है और यदि हां, तो इस योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इससे चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा की बचत करने का विचार है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) इस संबंध में सरकार के पास कोई प्रमाणिक सूचना नहीं है।